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Mr. DiDonato has been a teacher at Charlotte Catholic High School almost since its inception. “I’ve been here since January 1st, 1972” he said, remembering the exact date he began teaching here. After almost thirty years of teaching history, psychology, politics, and several more subjects, he has now added “Latin I” to that list. Due to a recent influx of new Latin students, Ms. Cona and Ms. Cushman are unable to handle any more classes, Mr. DiDonato has now taken up teaching a Latin class of predominantly freshman students. He teaches in room 218, the same room he teaches World History in, and AP World History classes, room 218, during B period each day, and he said he is excited for the new teaching experience.

“I absolutely love Latin; it’s always been sort of an avocation of mine.” He said. “The Latin program has been very successful, and they had more upper level; meaning sophomore, junior students than they normally have, so Ms. Cona could not teach any more freshman level students, and Ms. Cushman had two, so Ms. Montag asked me to take the third… I really enjoy it.”

This is not Mr. DiDonato’s first experience with Latin, however. “I taught a class in Latin in 1976 here at this school,” he said, recalling his times serving as a teacher back when Charlotte Catholic High School was still located at 3100 Park Rd., Holy Trinity Middle School’s current location.

“Latin is a language which you continue to learn, you never really achieve absolute proficiency… I’ve always enjoyed it,” he said.

Regardless of the difficulty of the Latin language, both Mr. DiDonato and his aspiring students are happy to be in a Latin class that is not overcrowded.